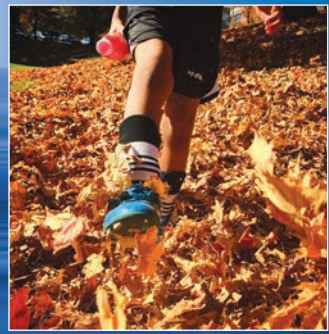




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Important Notice to Registered Rockville Voters | Aviso importante para los electores registrados de Rockville

The City of Rockville will conduct a **Vote by Mail** election for mayor and four councilmembers this fall.

Ballots will be mailed to registered voters **on or before Oct. 11.**



La ciudad de Rockville realizará elecciones para alcalde y cuatro concejales mediante el **voto por correo** este otoño.

Las boletas electorales se enviarán por correo a los electores registrados **el, o antes del, 11 de octubre.**

Please follow the instructions provided with your ballot.

Place the marked ballot in the **postage-paid return envelope.**

Sign the oath on envelope where indicated.



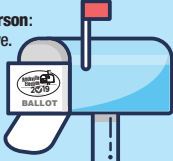
Siga las instrucciones que se proporcionan con su boleta electoral.

Coloque la boleta marcada en el **sobre con el franqueo pagado.**

Firme el juramento en el sobre, donde se indica.

Return your ballot.

By mail, drop box, or in person: to City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave. Marked ballots **must be received** at City Hall by **8 p.m. Nov. 5** in order to be counted.



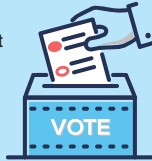
Devuelva su boleta electoral.

Por correo, en el buzón o **en persona**: en el Ayuntamiento, 111 Maryland Ave.

Las boletas marcadas **se deben recibir** en el Ayuntamiento a más tardar el **5 de noviembre a las 8 p.m.**, para que se cuenten.

The Vote Center at Rockville City Hall.

Will be open **7 a.m.- 8 p.m. on Nov. 5** to cast your ballot in person.



El centro de elecciones en el Ayuntamiento de Rockville.

Estaremos abiertos el **5 de noviembre, de 7 a.m. a 8 p.m.**, para que emita su voto en persona

QUESTIONS? ¿PREGUNTAS? 240-314-8286 • elections@rockvillemd.gov • www.rockvillemd.gov/election • TTY 240-314-8137

Rockville's Vote by Mail Election: How to Vote and Register and How Secure is It?

The City of Rockville will be the first jurisdiction in Maryland to conduct a Vote by Mail election when Rockville elects a mayor and four councilmembers this fall.

Vote by Mail provides more and better options for Rockville voters by sending the ballots to all registered voters, who may return them by postage-paid mail or to a secure ballot drop box at City Hall. Voters are not required to travel to polling places to vote, although a vote center will be available at City Hall, 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Nov. 5.

Here are some important election dates:

- **Friday, Sept. 6:** Deadline to file as a candidate.
- **Friday, Sept. 20:** Deadline to register to vote. Deadline for the city to receive alternative address ballot delivery requests. Find more information below under "How can I vote?"
- **On or Before Oct. 11:** Ballots mailed to registered voters.

Voters must return ballots to City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., by 8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5, either by postage-paid mail, at a secure drop box or in person on Nov. 5 at City Hall. Postmarks for mailed ballots do not count.

How can I vote?

On or before Oct. 11, ballots will be sent to every registered voter living within Rockville city limits, using the address on their registration. Voters fill out their ballots and can return them by mail (no postage required), or drop off ballots at the vote center or to the drop box at City Hall.

Voters may request an alternative address form if they will not be at the address of their voter registration on file when ballots are mailed. To apply for alternative address delivery, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/election or call 240-314-8286. Alternative address delivery requests must be received by Sept. 20.

How do I register to vote?

Every U.S. citizen living within Rockville city limits and over the age of 18 by Nov. 5, 2019, is eligible to vote in the city election. Same-day registration will be available 7 a.m.-8 p.m. Tuesday, Nov. 5 at City Hall.

To be sure your ballot gets to you, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/election to:

- Check your address.
- Update your information.
- Register to vote.

You may also register to vote:

- In-person at Rockville City Hall, a public library, a U.S. post office or a Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office.
- By phone at 240-777-VOTE or 240-777-8500.

How secure is Vote by Mail?

The Vote by Mail process has several security features:

- You will sign your ballot, ver-
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Rockville To Truly Go Purple for National Recovery Month

Lighting, a Proclamation and a Race to Raise Awareness About Opioid Crisis

Rockville will mark National Recovery Month in September with a race in Town Square and observances throughout the month as the city continues its Rockville Goes Purple campaign against opioid abuse.

Rockville is partnering with SOUL (Surviving Our Ultimate Loss), families, and the county and state government, to mark International Overdose Awareness Day with

a public gathering of education, remembrance and hope at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 29 in the cafeteria of the Montgomery County Executive Office Building, 101 Monroe St. For more information, visit the city's calendar at www.rockvillemd.gov/calendar.aspx.

The Mayor and Council will proclaim September as National Recovery Month in Rockville during their meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 9 at City Hall. Kirk



Knight will receive the proclamation. Knight founded the Knight Foundation, which is dedicated to helping those suffering from addiction, and is a

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Rockville Chamber of Commerce to Host State of City Conversation

Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and City Manager Rob DiSpirito will chat about the state of the City of Rockville, Thursday, Sept. 12, in an event hosted by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.

The conversation will take place 8-10 a.m. at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

For more information, call the Rockville Chamber of Commerce at 301-424-9300, email Amy Laczek at amy@rockvillechamber.org, or visit www.rockvillechamber.org. Questions that will be addressed during the event can be submitted ahead of time to marji@rockvillechamber.org.

The event is free and open to the public. +

ROCKVILLE
CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Focused On Rockville
& Its Community

IF YOU GO

WHAT: Chamber of Commerce hosts conversation about state of the city.

WHEN: 8-10 a.m. Thursday, Sept. 12.

WHERE: F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Drive.

COST: Free and open to the community.

REGISTER: rockville.chambermaster.com/eventregistration/register/11087

Most City Facilities to Close for Labor Day

City Hall and the following city facilities will be closed Monday, Sept. 2, in observance of Labor Day: Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers, the Rockville Senior Center, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Glenview Mansion and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center will be open. For swim and fitness center facility hours, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter.

Recycling, trash and yard waste collection will be suspended on Sept. 2 and made one day later than usual throughout the week. For more information on holiday collection schedules, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-trash or call 240-314-8568.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be free.

For more information, go to www.rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-5000. +

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Rockville's New
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Volunteers Needed to Help at MLK Day Celebration

SSL Credit is Available

Volunteers are needed for onsite setup and cleanup, and to serve as stage assistants, ushers and greeters, at Rockville's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration, Monday, Jan. 20.

Student Service Learning credits are available to students who volunteer.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or jkelly@rockvillemd.gov.

Nominate a Neighbor for a Human Rights Awards

Winners to be Honored at the 49th Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day Celebration

The city's Human Rights Commission is accepting nominations for two awards to be presented at Rockville's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration on Monday, Jan. 20.

The Martin Luther King Jr. Youth Award will be presented to a student at a Rockville high school who has worked to fulfill King's dream in either their school or the community.

The F. Michael Taff Award will be presented to an individual, organization or business that has helped to improve the lives of people with disabilities, such as through efforts to improve accessibility or raise public awareness. It is named in honor of the late F. Michael Taff, a dedicated human rights activist and former chair of the Human Rights Commission.

Find and submit nomination forms at www.rockvillemd.gov/mlk. The submission deadline is Monday, Nov. 11.

Performers Wanted for MLK Day Celebration

Groups or individuals who would like to apply to perform during the city's Martin Luther King Jr. Celebration on Monday, Jan. 20 should email Janet Kelly at jkelly@rockvillemd.gov by Monday, Oct. 7. Include a link to online audio or video, or digital audio or video files, of the proposed performance.

For more information, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316. For information about accessibility, call the city's Americans with Disabilities Act coordinator at 240-314-8108.

Have an Issue? Report a Concern

A malfunctioning pedestrian signal, pothole or problematic pathway? Tell us about it!

Whatever the issue, the best way to report it is online. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov, scroll to the bottom of the page and select "Report a Concern."

You'll be taken to a web form where you can describe details of the concern, where it is located, how we can contact you for a response, and even attach digital photos or other documents, if you need to.

Report a Concern is for non-emergency reports. For emergencies, call 911.

For non-emergencies call City Hall at 240-314-5000 or the police hotline at 240-314-8900. For utility emergencies, call the 24-hour hotline at 240-314-8567.

Get Green with Fall Landscaping and Lawn Care Tips

If landscaping is on your to-do list this fall, the city is offering a free Green Your Backyard information session on ways to reduce runoff and replace weedy areas of your yard, 10-11:30 a.m. Saturday, Sept. 7 at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

Learn how to plant a wildlife habitat, switch to organic lawn care and receive rebates for rain barrels, native plants and trees, and permeable pavers through the RainScapes Rebates program. Residents who attend are eligible to enter a free raffle for a rain barrel.

Register with course #11207 at www.rockvillemd.gov.

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City's Volunteer Opportunities Abound

From serving on a board or commission to shoveling snow for seniors to mentoring kids to stream cleanups, volunteers are at the heart of a caring community — and Rockville has opportunities for those with a little free time to lend.

The city recently began to establish a more robust volunteer program, with

dedicated staff time and data tracking to increase the number of volunteers helping improve our community.

We've listed several important city initiatives that need volunteers at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer. Sign up and start making a difference! ✚

Everyone Counts: Rockville Prepares for the 2020 Census

The federal government will conduct the 2020 Census next year and the City of Rockville wants community members to help meet the goal of counting everyone once — and only once — in the right place.

What does the census mean to Rockville?

Participating in the census impacts Rockville. Compiled every 10 years, census data is used by the government to:

- Define representative boundaries for congressional districts, state legislative districts and voting precincts, and for enforcing voting rights and civil rights legislation.
- Determine how billions of dollars in federal funding are distributed. It is estimated that each person not counted by the census costs the state about \$18,250 over a 10-year period, for a total of \$26.6 billion state-wide. This impacts critical funding for programs such as:
 - Medicaid.
 - The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps).
 - The Children's Health Insurance Program.

- School construction.
- Emergency preparedness.
- Transportation projects.

How can you help?

- Participate. Completing the questionnaire is important, safe and easy. You may respond online, by phone or by mail. Personal information is legally protected and confidential.
- Work for the Census Bureau. The Census Bureau is seeking over 5,000 applicants in Montgomery County to assist with the census. Jobs will pay \$21 per hour. Hours are flexible. Applicants must be at least 18 years old and U.S. citizens. Employees will need a car but will usually work close to home. Census Day is April 1, but early operation address canvassing is already taking place. To apply, complete an application at 2020census.gov/jobs.

For more information about the census in Montgomery County, visit montgomerycountymd.gov/census. For census information and other data about the City of Rockville, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/610/Community-Data-Trends. ✚

Rockville Farmers Market Offers Seasonal Specialties

The Rockville Farmers Market offers healthy food choices and a natural place for community gathering well into fall.

The market's late summer offerings include corn, peaches, tomatoes, watermelon and other fruits and vegetables. The market also features plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local wine and spirits, knife sharpening,

meat and coffee.

Now in its 29th year, the market features only regional growers and producers, with everything grown or produced by market vendors. It is open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. every Saturday through Nov. 23 in the jury parking lot at the corner of East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

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Let's Connect: Family Game Night

Families served by Linkages to Learning and Rockville Housing Enterprises came together to play games, make crafts and just have fun in July at Lincoln Park Community Center.

The evening was planned by members of Lincoln Park Community Center, RHE and Linkages to help families and organizations connect at a fun-filled, informal event.

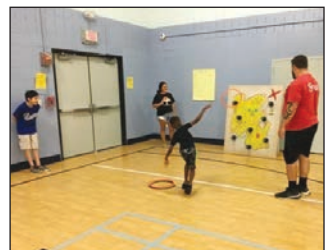
"We enjoyed watching families cheer and connect with their children as they played the different activities, as well as being able to connect with the families to provide them an experience that was solely focused on them," Lincoln Park's Supervisor Yvette Yeboah-Schools said.

About 55 adults and children attended and played on specially built game stations in the gym, made arts and crafts, and enjoyed



pizza.

For more information about the Lincoln Park Community Center, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/396, email lpcc@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8780. ✚



BACK to school

GIVE BACKpacks

For as little as \$10, you can provide a student with a backpack filled with basic school supplies.

The GIVE BACKpacks Campaign launched in 2013 and has raised funds to provide more than 70,000 backpacks to Montgomery County Public Schools students in need of basic school supplies for the start of the year.

Backpacks are shipped directly to the schools.

Donate at: www.mcpsfoundation.org/give-backpacks-program-description



SCHOOLS ARE OPEN! DRIVE SAFELY ... County public schools open Tuesday, Sept. 3. The Rockville City Police Department offers these safety tips: • Observe school zone speeds and crossing guards. • Stop when school buses are using their flashing lights and extended stop sign. • Watch for children darting into traffic and for pedestrians, especially near schools. • Plan a walking route to school or the bus stop with your child. • Make sure your child knows their address and telephone numbers for home, parents and trusted friends, and how to call 911. For more, find the National Safety Council's Back to School Safety Checklist at bit.ly/2KIPh8T.

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Meetings: Monday, Sept. 9, 16 and 23 at 7 p.m. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmember Beryl L. Feinberg on Sept. 9.

Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11.
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m.
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov.
- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.

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Rockville and Yilan, Taiwan, Cement Official Sister City Agreement at Signing Ceremony

The City of Rockville formally welcomed a new relative into its municipal family by signing an agreement in July to become sister cities with Yilan City, Taiwan.

This is the first sister-city relationship with Taiwan in Maryland, Virginia or Washington, D.C., despite a large representation of Taiwanese organizations in the metro-D.C. region.

The Mayor and Council unanimously adopted a resolution to formalize relations between Yilan and Rockville at

their July 8 meeting.

The signing ceremony, hosted by the Rockville Sister City Corporation and held at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, was followed by a gala at Rockville's Glenview Mansion.

For more information on the Rockville Sister City Corporation, visit www.rockvillesistercities.org. For background on the organization and creation of the Rockville-Yilan sister-city relationship, go to www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter and click on the July 8 agenda. ✚

FACTS and FIGURES

- **POPULATION:** Rockville has a large Asian community. According to U.S. Census five-year estimates from 2017, 21 percent of the city's population are Asian. Rockville has a population of 68,000; Yilan, 90,000.
- **GOVERNANCE:** Yilan's city council has 15 members. The mayor of Yilan is Chiang, Tsung-Yuan (江聰淵).
- **COUNTY SEATS:** Yilan is the largest city in Yilan County and is home to county government facilities and buildings. Yilan City is about 31 miles from Taiwan's capital, Taipei.
- **COMMUTERS:** As many Rockville residents commute to D.C. to work, so do Yilan's residents, who commute to Taipei, both by car and rail.
- **RURAL HISTORY:** Historically, Yilan has rich agricultural history with roots in farming. Rockville has a weekly farmers market; Yilan has the Dongmen Night Market.

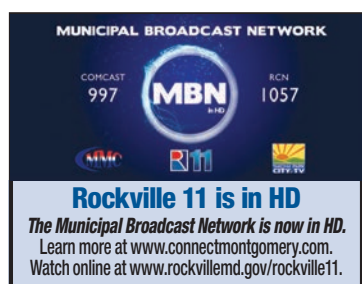
Mayor and Council to Hear from Public on Small-Cell Antennas

The Mayor and Council will hold a public hearing at 7 p.m. Monday, Sept. 16 on a text amendment to the zoning code governing the placement of small-cell antennas in Rockville.

The amendment is in response to recent Federal Communication Commission rulings governing the location and timing for installation of antennas that will accommodate fifth generation — or 5G — wireless coverage throughout the country.

The proposed amendment will allow the city regulatory control over the location and design of small-cell antennas deployed outside of the public right of way, while complying with the recent FCC ruling.

To testify, call 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. the day of the hearing or by submitting testimony in writing to cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov or City Clerk/Director of Council Operations, City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850. ✚



FIRST ... LET ME TAKE A #SELFIE ...

The City of Rockville joined towns and cities across the world, Aug. 15, for City Hall Selfie Day.

Organized by ELGL (Engaging Government Leaders Network), a professional association that represents local government, City Hall Selfie Day is a way for people and organizations to show their love for local government by snapping a selfie in front of their local government building. See more at elgl.org/cityhallselfie.



CITY REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY TO MARK SEPT. 11... Rockville's Mayor and Council will mark the anniversary of the terrorist attacks of 9/11 with a remembrance ceremony at 9 a.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11, at the 9/11 Memorial at Courthouse Square Park.

The ceremony, which is free to attend and open to the public, will include remarks by Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton and the performance of the national anthem by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company.

Eleven Montgomery County residents who lost their lives on that day are remembered through the memorial in the park at the corner of East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue in Rockville's downtown: William Edward Caswell, Dr. Gerald Paul Fisher, Capt. Lawrence D. Getzfred, Michele M. Heidenberger, Angela Marie Houtz, Teddington Hamm Moy, Lt. Darin H. Pontell, Scott A. Powell, Todd Hayes Reuben, Patricia J. Statz and Ernest M. Willcher.

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- **Volunteer** to be on a board or commission. Learn more below and find other ways to give of your time and talents at www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer.

Boards and Commissions

Anyone interested in serving on a board or commission may write to: Mayor and Council, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280, or fill out and submit an expression of interest form at www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions. Note: Meetings are held at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted.

- **Sept. 5, 12, 19, 26** Development Review Committee 9 a.m.
- **Sept. 5, 11, 18, 24** Boards and Commissions Task Force 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 5** Environment Commission 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 6** Board of Supervisors of Elections 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 10** Human Services Advisory Commission 6:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 10** Asian Pacific Task Force 7:30 p.m.
- **Sept. 11, 25** Planning Commission 7 p.m.*
- **Sept. 11** Cultural Arts Commission 7 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.
- **Sept. 12** Board of Appeals 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 17** Rockville Seniors, Inc. 2 p.m. Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Dr.
- **Sept. 18** Rockville Sister City Corporation Board 7 p.m.
- **Sept. 18** Historic District Commission 7:30 p.m.*
- **Sept. 25** Rockville Housing Enterprises 6:30 p.m. David Scull Courts Community Center, 1133 First St.
- **Sept. 25** Human Rights Commission 7:30 p.m.

*Televised on Rockville 11.

Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Animal Matters Board (1)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (1)
- Historic District Commission (3 reg./1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (4)
- Human Services Advisory Board (1)
- Landlord-Tenant Affairs Commission (1)
- Personnel Appeals Board (3)
- Planning Commission (1)
- Recreation and Parks Advisory Board (1)
- Retirement Board (1)
- Rockville Seniors, Inc. (1)
- Senior Citizens Commission (3)

For more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions or call 240-314-8280.

City Awarded State Grant for Mt. Vernon Stormwater Project

A \$350,000 grant from the Maryland Department of Natural Resources will help the City of Rockville retrofit the Mt. Vernon Stormwater Management Facility.

The facility is in the Cabin John Creek Watershed, near Richard Montgomery High School. It was originally designed and constructed in 1980, at a time when little thought was given to water quality, and was first retrofitted in 2003. This latest project addresses sediment buildup from the last 16 years.

The city will expand the water quality treatment capacity by deepening portions of the pond to restore and enhance the treatment of stormwater. Doing so helps prevent erosion and flooding downstream. It also reduces pollution in local tributaries that flow to the Chesapeake Bay. The grant is funded through the state's Chesapeake and Atlantic Coastal Bays Trust Fund. Construction is scheduled to be completed this fiscal year, which ends June 30. The city will also identify and remove non-native and invasive plants within Mt Vernon Park, from Fleet Street to Mt Vernon Place.

For more information about the project, contact Diron Baker, Rockville project manager, at 240-314-8533 or dbaker@rockvillemd.gov.

Visit RockvilleReports.com/city-is-ahead-of-stormwater-management-goals to learn more about the city's progress toward its stormwater management goals.

Peerless Seeks Nominations for Annual Awards

Have you completed a renovation, restoration or other home-improvement project? Know someone who has?

Peerless Rockville will celebrate the hard work of homeowners, businesses and organizations, and recognize outstanding achievement in the design, maintenance and preservation of our community, at the 40th annual Peerless Awards.

Award nominations are due by Tuesday, Sept. 10 for projects in a variety of categories, including stewardship of historic properties; preservation, restoration, rehabilitation or renovation; adaptive use; compatible infill; new construction; sustainable design; landscape design; craftsmanship; public art; and educational outreach. The Wagman Award for Historic Preservation Communication will honor a writer; educator; historian; visual and performing artist; or media member whose work has heightened public awareness of Rockville's architectural and cultural heritage, growth, and development.

Self-nominations are welcome. Visit www.peerlessrockville.org/2019-peerless-rockville-awards for more information and a nomination form, or email info@peerlessrockville.org.

Peerless Rockville is an award-winning, community-based nonprofit, founded in 1974 to preserve buildings, objects and information important to Rockville's heritage.

Get Green and Lawn Care Tips

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rockvillemd.gov/registration or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name and address. Learn more and apply for RainScapes Rebates at www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes.

Can't make it to the session? Try these simple, environmentally friendly actions this fall for a beautiful lawn next spring:

- Get a soil test to find out what your grass needs.
- Prepare your lawn for winter by dethatching, aerating and adding compost.
- Add grass seed to fill in bare spots and reduce weeds.
- Sharpen your mower blades. Find a sharpening vendor at the Rockville Farmers Market. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers for more information.

Looking for more environmentally friendly landscaping and lawn tips? Sign up for the city's "Environment and Sustainability Newsletter" at www.rockvillemd.gov/newsletters.

Urban Land Institute Panel Delivers Recommendations on Strengthening the Vitality of Town Center

An intensive two-day study of Town Center, recently conducted by an expert technical assistance panel (or TAP) from the Urban Land Institute, led to a presentation to the community of several recommendations and actionable items on ways to strengthen the vitality of Rockville's Town Center.

TAPs are part of the ULI advisory program, in which several panelists from varying backgrounds and areas of expertise collaborate to tour the study area, conduct interviews, review material provided by staff, conduct

their own research, and work on recommendations related to land use and economic development. The Town Center TAP included experts on planning, urban design, retail, real estate, economic development and downtown management.

One of the areas of focus for the panel was retail. The panel discussed the increasing competition from new developments north and south of Town Center and recommended a series of steps that could make retail more viable.

Actionable items the ULI panel recommended:

- Retaining significant employers.
- Building density in Town Center without compromising character.
- Strengthening relationships with Montgomery College and the Montgomery County Board of Education.
- Hiring a parking consultant.
- Engaging a branding, marketing and wayfinding consultant.
- Redesigning East Middle Lane and North Washington Street.
- Implementing a shuttle that connects Town

Center to Montgomery College.

Next steps highlighted by the panel included: continuing to build and foster relationships; testing a pilot parking program; strengthening wayfinding throughout Town Center, as well as related marketing and messaging; and creating, over time, a more formalized partnership of private and public sector organizations who have a stake in the success of Town Center.

Seeking analysis from an outside consultant was one of 11 potential approaches presented to the Mayor and Council to address opportunities and challenges facing the mixed-use activity center at the heart of Rockville. ✚

Levy's New Role as Town Center Advocate is a Familiar One

David Levy has become the City of Rockville's liaison on Town Center and has an increased role in economic development. Here are some of his new responsibilities:

- Serve as an ombudsman to solve problems and enhance Town Center.
- Identify and solve problems in commercial areas that are important to the city's economy.
- Facilitate communication between the business community and city government.
- Coordinate action among public, private and non-profit stakeholders.
- Develop and implement a plan, with goals and strategies, for increasing the vitality of Rockville's business areas, including Town Center.
- Pursue outside grants and other resources, including helping to forge new public-private partnerships.



David Levy, Rockville Town Center liaison.

Development Services, will include acting as an ombudsman, of sorts, and point of contact for Town Center. Levy will be focused on short-term, real-time fixes, but also on long-term strategy to ensure Rockville's downtown remains vibrant.

Opportunities and challenges, and ways to strengthen Town Center's vitality, have been a subject of frequent discussion by the Mayor and Council since a packed community town hall in October, where hundreds of Rockville residents, along with many businesses, discussed how to make Rockville Town Center an even better downtown.

Since then, 11 areas of action have been developed to address opportunities and challenges for the mixed-use activity center, one of which was to create a Town Center liaison. Those items were most recently discussed by the Mayor and Council on March 25.

Contact Levy at dlevy@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8272. ✚

Funding Approved by Transportation Planning Board Will Help Improve Stonestreet Avenue

The National Capital Region Transportation Planning Board at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments has approved \$280,000 to help improve pedestrian and bicycle connections to the Rockville Metro Station.

The grant, which comes from the Transportation Alternatives Program and was approved in July, will fund the design of street and sidewalk improvements along Park Road (between North Stonestreet Avenue and South Stonestreet Avenue) and North Stonestreet Avenue (between Park Road and Lincoln

Avenue).

Improvements will include wider sidewalks, a new intersection alignment and bike lanes. The project is based on recommendations in the recently completed Stonestreet Corridor Study, which featured extensive public outreach.

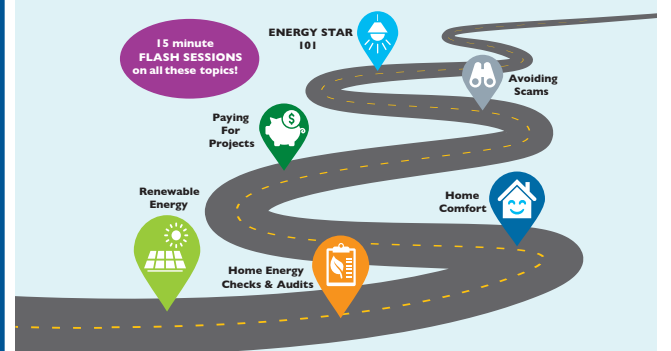
The planning board approved funding for four projects in Maryland, including Rockville's, that will receive \$688,232 in funding through the Transportation Alternatives Program.

From more on regional transportation projects that will receive funding, visit bit.ly/TAP2019Funding. ✚

Check out the ENERGY ROADSHOW!

Keep money in your pocket while adding value to your property! Learn useful energy saving tips from our expert panel including city and county professionals.

Saturday, Sept. 28, 10 a.m.–noon
Lincoln Park Community Center, Rockville



Ask questions, visit vendor tables and take part in fun activities for children. Bring the entire family to this free event. Continental welcome breakfast will be served.

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Lincoln Park Community Center
357 Frederick Ave., Rockville, MD 20850
www.rockvillemd.gov/lpcc 240-314-8780



BE CART SMART ... Throwing out plastic bags, clothes or a garden hose? Please don't use the brown recycling cart — put them in the gray trash cart. Or, to find a nearby grocery store that accepts plastic bags for recycling, visit bit.ly/howtorecyclebags. Got a city cart that's falling apart? Call 240-314-8568. We'll replace it for you.

Meet a Rockville Employee:



Mark Landahl

Mark Landahl, who arrived in the Rockville City Police Department last month to serve as the city's emergency manager, said he is excited for the opportunity to take on the newly created role and build it from the ground up.

"I am very excited for the future and what we can build here in a great community," Landahl said.

Landahl brings 18 years of experience as a member of the Frederick County Sheriff's Office. Most recently he served as the office's homeland security commander, overseeing agency preparedness, prevention and protection. He also served as a liaison to local, state and federal agencies, including as manager of the office's school resource program. He previously served as supervisor of the office's homeland security section and as an investigator assigned to the Maryland-Delaware Joint Terrorism Task Force.

As Rockville's emergency manager, Landahl will create an emergency preparedness plan for all city departments and strategies to help the city mitigate, respond to and recover from emergencies. The role offers an opportunity for Landahl to work with Rockville police Chief Victor Brito. The two previously worked together when Brito was police chief in Hagerstown and Landahl commanded the state's western regional center for information sharing among law

enforcement agencies.

Before working in law enforcement, Landahl served as a staffer in the U.S. House of Representatives, and as a history and government teacher in North Carolina and in Frederick County. In 2001, while training to become a sheriff's deputy, and having second thoughts about leaving teaching, the field of emergency preparedness came into a new and heightened focus.

"On 9/11, I was in the academy and huddled around a radio listening to the descriptions," he said. "At that moment I knew I was in the right place."

While no longer his primary profession, Landahl has not left education. He teaches homeland security and emergency management courses at several schools, including the University of Maryland Global Campus, Florida International University and Frederick Community College. He also frequently speaks at national conferences and has published in several academic journals. He is presently researching survivor behavior in response to campus active shooter events.

Landahl holds a doctorate in emergency management from Oklahoma State University and is one of 1,375 people worldwide designated a Certified Emergency Manager by the International Association of Emergency Managers. ✚



FINISHING TOUCHES

... A new fence, installed in late July, provided the final flourish for the John C. Brown Memorial Bridge rehabilitation. The bridge, which provides a critical link between the eastern and western portions of the city over the Metrorail and CSX tracks on Edmonston Drive, underwent a yearlong rehabilitation

that included cleaning and repairing structural beams, replacing expansion joints, and repairing potholes on the bridge deck. The city also installed a pedestal for the plaque dedicating the bridge to Cpl. John C. Brown, who was the first Marylander killed in the Korean War. For video of the finished project, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "Edmonston Bridge Plaque." For more information, visit RockvilleReports.com and search "Edmonston bridge."



A 'PRINTS' OF A VOLUNTEER ... Larry Berger, a resident of Rockville's King Farm neighborhood, was recognized with the Community Service Award at the Rockville Public Safety Awards in June. Berger, shown here with RCPD command staff, has volunteered with the Rockville City Police Department since April 2018, logging more than 250 hours performing administrative tasks, including fingerprinting more than 400 people for background checks or child-identification purposes. His efforts free up city staff to respond to resident service requests in other areas within the city. For more about the RCPD's fingerprinting services, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/fingerprinting. To learn about volunteer opportunities throughout the city, see the article on page 2.



NEW DEPUTY IN TOWN ... Laura Lanham (pictured with granddaughter Meredith) was sworn in by Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton as deputy chief of the Rockville City Police Department on July 15. Lanham arrived in Rockville after 28 years of law enforcement experience with the Montgomery County Police Department, most recently serving as an assistant chief overseeing the Patrol Services Bureau. To find Rockville 11 coverage of the swearing-in, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "Lanham Swearing-in." Learn more about Lanham at RockvilleReports.com/rockville-names-lanham-as-deputy-police-chief.

Become an Ambassador for Rockville

Ready to represent your community?

How about signing on to become a Rockville Community Ambassador?

Rockville Community Ambassadors are local volunteers who represent the City of Rockville in their neighborhood. Their role is to serve as connectors, providing direct support to residents while creating awareness of events and opportunities within their community.

The program is open to all community members age 18 years or older, including residents, local business owners and members of community organizations who would like to impact the city in a positive way.

Interested applicants must attend two training sessions and be willing to serve for six months.

For more information, contact senior community engagement coordinator Hjarman Cordero at hcordero@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8344.

Veterans and Military Members Wanted for City Ceremony

Rockville's Veterans Day ceremony on Monday, Nov. 11, will include a member of the military as a featured speaker.

Rockville and Montgomery County residents who have retired from, or currently serve in, the United States military are eligible to take part in the ceremony.

Volunteer speakers must be comfortable speaking in public and must prepare a five- to seven-minute speech about their experiences in the armed forces, including what it means to serve and to honor those who have served.

Contact Amanda Knox at 240-314-8604 or aknox@rockvillemd.gov to participate or learn more.

Find video of past Veterans Day ceremonies at www.youtube.com/cityofrockville. Search "Veterans."

Farmers Market

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The city's YouTube channel includes interview segments with Leroy Tracey, owner of Mountain Valley Orchard in Smithsburg, one of the market's featured farms. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube and search "Farmers Market."

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money Program. The program helps provide greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for customers using the Farmers Market Nutrition Program; the Women, Infants, and Children Fruit and Vegetable Check Program; and the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP, formerly known as food stamps). Participants' benefits are matched up to \$5 each week while funds are available.

Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers or call 240-314-8620 for more information, including a list of participating vendors and approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables. For more updates, like the market's Facebook page at www.facebook.com/RockvilleFarmersMarket. ✚

Tour Rockville's Historic Churches

Peerless Rockville will host a free tour, exploring the rich history and unique architecture of several Rockville churches dating back over 150 years, from 1-5 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28. Participating churches will open their doors for guests to learn about each congrega-

tion's history and their role in Rockville throughout time, view stained-glass windows, take special tours, enjoy performances and more.

Visit www.peerlessrockville.org in the weeks ahead for more details and tickets. ✚



IN CASE OF EMERGENCY ... September is National Preparedness Month. Are you ready? The Rockville City Police Department offers a list of items to have in a kit at home and a "go" bag, in case you have to leave home fast, due to an emergency. Visit www.rockvillemd.gov/272/Emergency-Preparedness for the list, as well as tips for creating a family emergency plan and about staying informed during an emergency.

Local First Responders Day Saturday, Sept. 21

10 a.m.-noon

Meet your local first responders.

Police vehicles, fire trucks and exhibits, and much more, designed to teach the community about safety.

Great for all ages – free event.

Twinbrook Community Rec. Center



Tell Us About Rockville's Good Neighbors

Oct. 4 is Deadline for Award Nominations

Rockville is a city of good neighbors. The city is seeking nominations, through 5 p.m. Friday, Oct. 4, for its Good Neighbor Awards. The program recognizes adults or youth who are unselfishly giving back and improving the quality of life in their neighborhoods through good deeds or community service.

Past honorees include community members who beautified their neighborhoods, cleared snow for neighbors, volunteered for community organizations and looked out for their neighbors. To learn more about them, visit RockvilleReports.com and search "Good Neighbors."

Award nominees cannot be employed by the City of Rockville, must be a City of Rockville resident and must have made a special contribution to an individual or their community during the 2019 calendar year. Recipients will be honored at a Mayor and Council meeting.

For nomination forms and more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/goodneighbor.

Rockville Truly Goes Purple

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partner in the city's Rockville Goes Purple effort.

The city is partnering with the Knight Foundation to present the Race4Recovery 5K on Sunday, Sept. 29, in Rockville Town Square. The annual run/walk raises awareness and breaks down the stigma of addiction, honoring those lost and supporting those in the fight. The post-race includes food, music, awards and prizes. A virtual event will allow those who can't attend to walk or run on their own and share a photo to show support. Sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information, visit www.TheRace4Recovery.com.

Rockville will truly go purple this month, with signs in the Mayor and Council Chamber and purple lights shining on City Hall and the city's police station and strung on streetlights around Town Center. Over the coming school year, Rockville Goes Purple will work with youth on addiction awareness and prevention activities.

For more information on Rockville's fight against opioid abuse, including free training on how to use the rescue drug Narcan (also known as Naloxone) to reverse the effects of an overdose, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/rockvillegoespurple. ❖

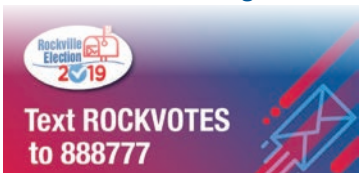
MEET THE CANDIDATES

Rockville will hold a Vote by Mail election for mayor and four councilmembers this fall.

Attend the following candidate forums, hosted by community groups, or watch from home. Rockville 11 (channel 11 on county cable systems) will broadcast the following forums live:

- **6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24** at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Presented by the League of Women Voters.
- **1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2** at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Presented by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.
- **6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15** at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Presented by Twinbrook Village in association with Twinbrook Community Association.

For more election information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/election.



Get Ready for Fall Prevention, This Fall at the Senior Center



September is Fall Prevention Month, and the Rockville Senior Center has programs if you or someone you know is a little unsteady on their feet. Also, this month, you can also find out more about acid reflux and medical marijuana, or prepare for flu season with a flu shot.

Register at the senior center's information desk, by calling 240-314-8800 or online with the course number at www.rockvillemd.gov/ registration. Classes are free unless otherwise noted.

AAHI Resource Table
1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 10

Health and wellness information with materials and handouts in Chinese and English.

Medical Marijuana
1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 11.

Matthew Mintz, a board-certified internal medicine physician, will discuss the use of medical marijuana to treat common conditions seen in seniors, including chronic pain, anxiety, insomnia and even cancer. Register with course #10232.

Fall Risks and Prevention
1-2 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 17

A discussion, with Dulcinia Rubio, a community educator with Adventist HealthCare, on the risks of falling and preventative measures you can take at home.

Fall Risk Assessments
1-2 p.m. Wednesday, Sept. 18.

Falls are the leading cause of brain injury. Learn about falls and be assessed for risk. Find out about at-home exercises or be referred for outpatient physical therapy. Adventist Rehabilitation Hospital. Register with course #10201.

Flu Shot Clinics
Members only: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24;
for everyone else: 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Thursday, Oct. 10.

Bring your Medicare Part B insurance card.

All About GERD
1-2 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 26.

Sufferers of heartburn twice a week or more may have gastroesophageal reflux disease, or GERD. Learn more about the condition, potential complications and treatment options from gastroenterologist Gary Roggin. Register with course #10208. ❖



All the Doggies Back in the Pool for Doggie Dip Day

The super-popular Doggie Dip Day, where your pooch can paddle in the pool at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, is back — with a few small accommodations to work around the ongoing lobby and locker room renovations.

A slightly scaled-back event will be held rain or shine from noon-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 7, at the center, 355 Martins Lane. Dogs will be limited to the ramp area of the recreation pool and the baby pool, and no vendors will be onsite this year.

The smaller event is due

to extended use of the outdoor pool's bathhouse to access the center's indoor pools while the renovations take place.

Puppers get to pool party for only \$5 per pooch. (Humans, you can enter for free, but won't be allowed in the water due to health and safety reasons.) Written proof of a current rabies vaccination (either a certificate of vaccination or veterinarian's letter) is required for entry.

For more information, email swimcenter@rockvillemd.gov or call 240-314-8750. ❖

Political Intrigue, Puppies and Poison, This Month at the Theater

A comic operetta, then adorable golden retrievers and, finally, a madcap classic kick off in September at the F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre.

"The Queen's Lace Handkerchief," presented by the Victorian Lyric Opera Company, 8 p.m. Sept. 6-7; 2 p.m. Sept. 8.

Political intrigue. Love triangles. Pie. Everything you could ask for in a comic operetta. Tickets cost \$28; \$24 for seniors; and \$20 for students.

The Golden Ratio Live, 7 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 14.

Your favorite squad of golden retrievers from TheGoldenRatio4 and an evening sharing secret stories of the dogs and humans — plus a crazy

Florida Man story for good measure. Tickets are \$25; \$20 for seniors, students and children.

"Arsenic and Old Lace," presented by Rockville Little Theatre, 8 p.m. Sept. 27 and 28 and Oct. 4 and 5; 2 p.m. Sept. 29 and Oct. 6.

The classic mystery-farce about two delightfully poisonous old ladies, their daffy nephew and an eccentric cast of madcap characters. Tickets are \$22; \$20 for seniors 62 and older, and students.

For tickets or more information, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre, call the box office at 240-314-8690, or email theatre@rockvillemd.gov. F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre is located at 603 Edmonston Drive. ❖

Antique and Classic Car Show to Feature Motors of the Mid-Atlantic

58th Annual Show Offers Free, Family-Friendly Fun

Rockville's 58th annual Antique and Classic Car Show returns to the Rockville Civic Center Park from 11 a.m.-3:30 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 19.

The free show — one of the oldest and the largest in the mid-Atlantic region — will feature more than 500 vehicles, a car-related flea market, a car sales area, live music and a moon bounce. Croydon Creek Nature Center will be open to visitors.

The hills of Rockville Civic Center Park, home to the historic Glenview Mansion at 603 Edmonston Drive, offer a picturesque fall setting for a stroll through a lineup of vehicles from 32 car clubs, from Packard and Plymouth to Fiat and Ferrari.

The show is the premier nonjudged motor vehicle show in the region, offering

the chance to share memories of classic cars of yesteryear. The theme of this year's show is "The 9s," featuring models from the last year of each decade from 1889-2019.

Parking will be available at Rockville Civic Center Park, with overflow parking at Rockville High School, 2100 Baltimore Road. A courtesy shuttle will run between the school and the show from 10:30 a.m.-4 p.m. For inclement weather updates, please call 240-314-5022.

Car owners can register their vehicle until 5 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 16. After that, owners must register on the day of the event. To show or sell a car at the show, host a flea market booth, or learn more, visit www.rockvillemd.gov/carshow, call 240-314-8620 or email special_events@rockvillemd.gov. ❖



WHAT ARE WE CELEBRATING IN SEPTEMBER? Hispanic Heritage Month begins on Sept. 15 and runs to Oct. 15. And September is the month for better breakfasts, but also blueberry popsicles, chicken, honey, Italian cheese, mushrooms, papaya, potatoes, rice and wholegrains — so we're torn. This is also the month for national preparedness and don't forget that Sept. 22 is Car Free Day.

September CALENDAR

CC Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.
GM Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.
F&F F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.

LP Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.
CH Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.
SR Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.

FACILITIES LEGEND:

SFC Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.
TF Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.
TC Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.



2 LABOR DAY. City Hall, Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers, the Rockville Senior Center, Croydon Creek Nature Center, Glenview Mansion and F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre will be closed. *See article on page 1.*

3,17 OVERCOMING THE FEAR OF AGING. The fear of aging as a long decline can infiltrate our expectations and relationships. What do we do with these fears? Join us as we share and discuss ways to anticipate, face and cope. First and third Tuesdays. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

3 TEEN CHAT ROOM BEGINS. This two-day-a-week teen afterschool program provides a fun, cool place for teens to hang out and use the computer lab and game room. Snack, homework help, mentoring, games and activities are provided. Grades 6-10. Register with course #10248. 2:30-6 p.m. Tuesdays and Thursdays. **LP**

5,12,19,26 SALSA AT THE SQUARE. An evening of Latin dance classes by local favorite Victor Maysonet, followed by DJ-led music for dancing. 6-9 p.m. Thursdays. Rockville Town Square, 131 Gibbs St.

5,19 WOMEN LIVING ALONE SUPPORT GROUP. How to Live Alone and Not Be Lonely: a long-standing open-enrollment support group. Members support each other through listening, as well as offering tips, suggestions and advice for a variety of issues. First and third Thursdays. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

6 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Will Hill (reggae/rock and soul). 6-9 p.m. Free. Rockville Town Square.

6 CANDIDATE FILING DEADLINE. Candidates for the 2019 Rockville Vote by Mail Election must file by this date. Candidates will be officially announced at 8 p.m. **CH**

6,7,8 VICTORIAN LYRIC OPERA COMPANY PRESENTS "THE QUEEN'S LACE HANDKERCHIEF." *See article on page 6.* 8 p.m. Sept 6, 7; 2 p.m. Sept. 8. **F&F**

7,14,21,28 ROCKVILLE FARMERS MARKET, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Corner of Route 28 and Monroe Street in the jury parking lot.

7 GREEN YOUR BACKYARD INFORMATION SESSION. A free information session on ways to reduce runoff and replace weedy areas of your yard. Topics will include rain barrels, native plants and trees, permeable pavers and organic lawn care. Register with course #11207 or email rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov with your name and address. 10-11:30 a.m. *See article on page 2.* **TC**

7 DOGGIE DIP DAY. *See article on page 6.* \$5 per dog. Noon-2 p.m. **SFC**

10,12 LEGOS FOR LONGEVITY FUN, BRAIN EXERCISE, SOCIALIZATION, NOSTALGIA. Games and activities with Legos. Second Tuesdays and Thursdays of month. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

11 9/11 REMEMBRANCE CEREMONY. Free. 9 a.m. 9/11 Memorial at Courthouse Square Park, East Jefferson Street and Maryland Avenue.

11 MEDICAL MARIJUANA. *See article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. **SR**

12 STATE OF THE CITY CONVERSATION. *See article on page 1.* Free. 8-10 a.m. **F&F**

13 SLIME TIME. Time to get squishy! Participants choose from several different slime recipes to concoct their own special slime creation, whether fluffy, stretchy or drippy, and customize them with colors, sparkles and confetti. Ages 6-12. Preregister for course #10787. \$12R/\$15NR. 7-9 p.m. **TC**

13 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Baltimore Rockabilly (rockabilly). 6-9 p.m. Free. Rockville Town Square.

14 THE GOLDEN RATIO LIVE. *See article on page 6.* 7-9 p.m. **F&F**

16 MEMORY CAFÉ. Alzheimer's Association Memory Cafés offer a fun and relaxed way for people living with early-stage memory loss to connect with one another through social events that promote interaction and companionship. Meets first and third Mondays of the month. Call Pamela Mills for preregistration screening at 240-499-9024. Free. Noon-1 p.m. **SR**

17 FALL RISKS AND PREVENTION. *See article on page 6.* Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

18 FALL RISK ASSESSMENTS. *See article on page 6.* Free. 1-2 p.m. **SR**

18 GREEN ROCKVILLE HAPPY HOUR. Croydon Creek Nature Center and the Rockville Watersheds Committee invite you to stop by True Respite Brewing Company to learn about various environmental organizations and projects in the area. Network with other individuals who have a passion for environmental stewardship and learn how you can get more involved locally. 6-8 p.m. Free. True Respite Brewing Company, 7301 Calhoun Place #600, Derwood.

19 CONNECTING WITH NATURE: WILD TECH. Adults learn new and exciting ways to introduce themselves and children to the natural world. Become familiar with some easy-to-use apps that can be fun for the whole family and get a user-friendly Easy Macro lens to take home. Register by Sept. 5. Ages 18 and older. Register for course #11190. \$14R/\$16NR. 7-8 p.m. **CC**

20 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Justin Trawick and the Common Good (bluegrass/Americana). 6-9 p.m. Free. Rockville Town Square.

20 DEADLINE TO REGISTER TO VOTE IN ROCKVILLE'S VOTE BY MAIL ELECTION OR FILL OUT ALTERNATE ADDRESS FORM. Register online and find more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/election, or in-person at Rockville City Hall, a public library, a U.S. post office or a Maryland Motor Vehicle Administration office. This is the last day to register and still receive a ballot through the mail and to receive your ballot at an alternate address. **CH**

21 LOCAL FIRST RESPONDERS DAY. Meet local first responders. Police vehicles, fire trucks, exhibits and more. A great way for all ages to learn about community safety. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **TC**

21 NATURE TOTS: CAMOUFLAGE. Discover the wonders of nature with your child. Each session, a naturalist helps you delve into a different nature topic through nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Dress for the weather. Adult participation required. Spaces are limited. Ages 2-5 years. Register with course #11176. \$8R/\$10. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC**

27 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Mambo Combo (Latin/salsa). 6-9 p.m. Free. Rockville Town Square.

24 MEN LIVING ALONE WORKSHOP AND SUPPORT GROUP. Topics addressed by facilitator related to men living alone. Support through listening as well as through offering tips, suggestions and advice for a variety of issues. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

24 ROCKVILLE ELECTION CANDIDATE FORUM Presented by the League of Women Voters. 6:30-8 p.m. *See ad on page 6.* **SR**

25 LITTLE ACORNS: REPTILES. Children aged 18-36 months explore nature through a variety of play-based activities. Time will be spent outdoors, weather permitting. Adult participation required. Spaces limited. Advanced registration recommended. Register for course #11170. \$7R/\$9NR. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

26 ALL ABOUT GERD. *See article on page 6.* 1-2 p.m. **SR**

26 BRIDGING THE GAP ... WITH ADULT CHILDREN AND GRANDCHILDREN. Addresses the different stages of life for different generations. How to communicate with, respect and relate to one another. Support and education. Free. 1-2:30 p.m. **SR**

27 SENIORS 60-PLUS HISPANIC FESTIVAL. An annual celebration including entertainment and food. Register with course #10251. Senior Center members only. \$15. 10:30 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR**

27 FRIDAY NIGHT LIVE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES. Mambo Combo (Latin/salsa). 6-9 p.m. Free. Rockville Town Square.

27,28,29 ROCKVILLE LITTLE THEATRE PRESENTS "ARSENIC AND OLD LACE." *See article on page 6.* 8 p.m. Sept. 27 and 28 and Oct. 4 and 5; 2 p.m. Sept. 29 and Oct. 6. **F&F**

28 ROCKVILLE CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT OPEN HOUSE. *See article on page 8.* Free. 11 a.m.-2 p.m. RCPD HQ, 2 W. Montgomery Ave.


28 ENERGY ROADSHOW COMMUNITY ENERGY EFFICIENCY EVENT. Keep money in your pocket while adding value to your property with energy saving tips from our expert panel, including city and county professionals. Ask questions, visit vendor tables and take part in fun activities for children. Continental welcome breakfast will be served. Free. 10 a.m.-noon. **LP**

28 FALL FAMILY FESTIVAL. Celebrate fall with your family. Snack on cider and doughnuts. Enjoy a petting zoo, face painting, scarecrow building, carnival games and crafts. Children must be accompanied by an adult and all participants must register. Ages 2 and older. Register for course #10505. \$6R/\$8NR. \$8 per person at the door. 2-3:30 p.m. **TF**


29 RACE FOR RECOVERY 5K. An annual run/walk to promote awareness, break down stigmas associated with addiction, honor those lost, and support those threatened from addiction and overdose. Check-in begins at 7 a.m., race at 8 a.m. Visit www.TheRace4Recovery.com for more information. Rockville Town Square. *See article on page 1.*

30 ADVENTURE DAY. Days off school are perfect for adventuring! An offsite field trip, games, open gym and more. A letter will be sent to participants prior to the program with more detailed information about each day's activities. Ages 6-11. 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Register for course #10502. \$30R/\$35NR. **TF**

✓ = Rockville Vote by Mail Election 2019 Event



Rockville offers a variety of classes and programs each season. Sign up at: www.rockvillemd.gov/register. Enter the course number listed on the calendar entry to see more details and register.



R = Residents • NR = Nonresidents • MEM = Member • NM = Nonmember

FOR MORE INFO AND UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTINGS: WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR.ASPX

Become a Sports Coach and Inspire Your Team

Did you have a coach who had a positive impact on your life, growing up? Now's your chance to be that inspiring adult!

Recreation and Parks' Sports Division is looking for volunteer coaches for youth sports leagues in soccer and cross country.

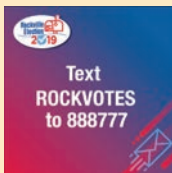
Volunteer coaches conduct all youth league team practices and games — and volunteer head coaches are eligible to receive a 10% discount for one participating family member per team coached! Coaches get to pick the time, day and location of their practices, and can keep their children's friends together on a team.

For more information, call 240-314-8620 or email sports@rockvillemd.gov.

Sign up for Election Text Alerts

Stay on top of key news from the City of Rockville's Vote by Mail election with reminders sent by text.

How? It's easy — text ROCKVOTES to 888777. You'll receive a reply confirmation text that you're signed up.



Rockville's Vote by Mail Election

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fying that you are a registered voter. Each ballot must be returned in the provided return envelope and each voter must sign the sworn oath on the envelope. The return envelope is checked to ensure the oath is signed by the voter named on the envelope. The envelope includes a security flap that hides your signature.

- You will be able to track your ballot after it is mailed by visiting www.rockvillemd.gov/election.
- If you would rather not mail your ballot, you can deliver it to the vote center or to the drop box at City Hall.

Where can I find election-related information?

- Visit Rockville's election webpage at www.rockvillemd.gov/election.
- Sign up for the weekly "Rockville Reports" e-newsletter at rockvillereports.com/rockville-reports-newsletter.
- Follow the city on Facebook, Instagram or Twitter.
- Sign up for text alerts about the Vote by Mail Mayor and Council election by texting ROCKVOTES to 888777.

How do I learn about the candidates?

Rockville 11 (channel 11 on county cable systems) will broadcast live three candidate forums hosted by community groups. Community members are invited to attend. They are:

- 6:30-8 p.m. Tuesday, Sept. 24 at the Rockville Senior Center, 1150 Carnation Drive. Presented by the League of Women Voters.
- 1-2:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 2 at Thomas Farm Community Center, 700 Falls Grove Drive. Presented by the Rockville Chamber of Commerce.
- 6-8 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 15 at the Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway. Presented by Twinbrook Village in association with Twinbrook Community Association. ✚



Questions, Concerns or Ideas?

Reach out to Rockville City Manager Rob DiSpirito at rdispirito@rockvillemd.gov or 240-314-8102.



Rockville 10K/5K is Registering Runners Now!

Running shoes laced up and ready to go? The 44th annual Rockville 10K/5K is registering runners until Oct. 31.

The oldest continuing foot race in Montgomery County — which includes a 1-mile fun run for kids — will take place the morning of Sunday, Nov. 3.

The kids 1-mile fun run begins at 8:10 a.m. The 10K starts at 8:30 a.m. and the 5K at 8:45 a.m. Runners should arrive before 8 a.m., at which time streets leading to the race will be closed to ensure a prompt start.

Registration costs \$35 online or by mail-in through Thursday, Oct. 31, and \$45 for walk-up registration at packet pickup and on race day.

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Saturday packet pickup and late registration on Nov. 2 is from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. at RnJ Sports, 11910-R Parklawn Drive. Day-of-race packet pickup and late registration opens at 7:30 a.m. at King Farm Village Center, 801 Pleasant Drive, between the Fontina Grille and Baja Fresh restaurants.

The course begins and ends in King Farm, and travels a scenic route along Redland Boulevard (west of Grand Champion Drive), Gaither Road, Piccard Drive and West Gude Drive.

For more information, a course map and to register, visit www.rockville10k5k.com. ✚



EVERY DOG HAS HIS (GRADUATION) DAY ... Cpl. Ali Zeighani and K-9 Bolo (center, with police Chief Victor Brito, left, and Deputy Chief Laura Lanham, right) graduated on July 25 from the Montgomery County Police Department's K-9 patrol school. After many months of extensive training, Bolo is now patrolling the streets of Rockville. To see more from Zeighani and Bolo's big day, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "RCPD K-9 Graduation."

City Police Welcome Community to Tour Their Home

An open house at the city's police station this month offers an opportunity to get to know the men and women who protect and serve Rockville.

The Rockville City Police Department will welcome the community to an open house from 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, Sept. 28, featuring vehicle and equipment displays, a K-9 demonstration, a moon bounce, face painting, a DJ, pumpkin decorating, food, information booths, a visit by McGruff the Crime Dog, and the opportunity to

meet city police offers.

Officers will offer guided tours of the RCPD's home in the old post office building at 2 W. Montgomery Ave. Free parking is available just two blocks away at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

For a look at last year's RCPD open house, visit www.youtube.com/cityofrockville and search "RCPD Open House Recap 2018."

Learn more about the RCPD at www.rockvillemd.gov/police. ✚



Rockville to Rock (and Oompah and Polka) with Rocktoberfest

Rockville's third annual Rocktoberfest celebration is set for 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 5 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival is expected to draw 5,000 visitors and will include two stages of live music, food, beverages, souvenir mugs, kids activities, amusements and an artisan area.

Entertainment includes traditional German music by the Rockville German Band, polka by Mike Surratt and the Continentals and Polkadelphia, and rock by Lloyd Dobbler Effect, Vertigo Red, and The Red Elvies.

The festival is within



walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Paid parking is available in the Rockville Town Square garages.

Featured beverage vendors will

include 7 Locks Brewing, Brawling Bear Brewing, Crooked Crab Brewing Company, Dawson's Market, Gordon Biersch, True Respite Brewing Company, Twin Valley Distillers, Gilly's Craft Beer & Fine Wine, Waredaca Brewing Company, World of Beer and Pour Vino n' Hops.

Find the schedule of entertainment and more information at www.rockvillemd.gov/rocktoberfest. ✚



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BACK IN THE DAY ... An explosion of champagne drops splashed over a ceremonial wrecking ball that shortly after tore into a wall of the Rockville Mall, June 4, 1984. The champagne celebrated the start of the mall's demolition to make way for Rockville Metro Center. About 200 gathered on the pedestrian arcade overlooking a garage entrance on Monroe Street to watch.